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Swift as a weaver's shuttle
 Truly and quickly cast,
 Every day is woven
 Into the silent past.
 Into the wondrous fabric
 Go all the love and hate—
 All in a fadeless pattern
 Lasting and intricate!

Thus do the days go from us—
 Thus does the weaver bind,
 Into a blended picture,
 All that we leave behind!
 Now, with a gloomy shadow,
 Now with a glow sublime—
 So go the deathless records
 Into the loom of Time!
 —Wilbur Nesbit in The Trail to Boyland.

RUSSIAN PLANS WRECKED.

In 1881 Port Arthur was a village of mud huts, on the farthest outpost of Chinese territory. Although China had been inhabited for thousands of years, there was no evidence of any permanent settlement of any strength on the Lu Shun Kow peninsula, as the Chinese call it.

The China-Japanese war in 1894 found it a mongrel village of 6000, when it was destroyed by the Japanese fleet. Between 1881 and 1894 China had built foundries for casting heavy ordnance and had prepared to make it the leading Chinese naval supply station. In 1898 Russia secured a lease upon the entire peninsula, including all the outer and inner forts as well as the country lying north of Port Arthur.

Since that time she has expended \$300,000,000 in adding to the strength of the forts, besides building Dalny for a commercial port, free to all nations. Russia's lease was made for 25 years, but she immediately laid plans for perpetual possession and the fortifications she built and the preparations she made, alarmed China and Japan.

China at once saw that in the 25-year lease she had given the Russians a perpetual foothold, as Manchuria was being so thoroughly Russified that it would be impossible for China to hold the province with its Russian institutions so firmly founded.

From Manchuria, Russia began extending her power over Korea, and then it was that Japan interfered. The plan of Russia was to make the coast a Russian stronghold from Port Arthur to Vladivostok, thus cutting off Japan from any interest in the mainland and leaving her at the mercy of Russia.

The fall of Port Arthur wrecks the entire plan of the empire built at billions of expense by Russia. It insures the continual expansion of Japan and means an open door to the Orient.

Russia would have extended the narrow policy of St. Petersburg across the entire sweep of Asia to the Pacific, and her success in this war would mean another and more terrible conflict between the Slav and the United States or England, in the near future. A Japanese victory over Russia clears away every other prospect of war in the Orient. It means extending civilization. It means the beginning of the end of Russian domination. Taking hope from a Japanese victory, Russian peasants at home will take advantage of the weakness of their oppressor and the end may be easily guessed.

Irrigation being the most vital subject now before the people of Eastern Oregon, it should claim the deepest consideration from Oregon's delegation in congress. Senator Mitchell has been asked by representative citizens of Umatilla county, to attend a meeting of the irrigation association and government engineers in this city, before starting to Washington to be present at the opening of congress. Instead of spending one day in studying this all-important issue among the actual irrigators of Umatilla county, and in gathering information needed by him in the proper discharge of his duties as a public servant, he easily replied that any

one desiring to see him on irrigation matters would find him at his office in Portland, on November 12. So much for the welfare of Oregon in the United States senate.

From the prices charged by the American Book Company for school library books, it looks as if the people who buy school libraries and pay out cash raised in taxes for them, are being defrauded. It is alleged that this book monopoly charges districts \$1.10 per volume for books in a like binding that can be bought from home dealers at 40 to 50 cents. The legislature should investigate the school library matter. If the American Book Company must be paid 200 to 300 per cent more than the books can be bought for at home, the people would like to know why. No book monopoly owns the school money of Oregon, and the graft should be cut off at once.

Meteoric and brilliant as both Turner, of Washington, and Dubois, of Idaho, are, the staid and sober people have turned them down. Honest change of opinion in public men is never condemned by the masses, but an acrobatic leaping frog, skipping from party to party and from base to base, in hopes of gaining popularity, attracts no genuine admiration from the people. Brilliance cannot take the place of stability in statesmanship. People prefer the steady, fast, pale moon, to the sweeping meteor.

To prevent a possible spread of diphtheria from the reservation to the city, the Umatillas should be quarantined and kept at home until the danger is past. Pendleton has been singularly and happily free from epidemics for a number of years and the strict precaution and vigilance should not relax for a moment. With diphtheria spread to threaten the schools of Pendleton, the result would be terrible to contemplate.

As long as the corporations choose United States senators and federal judges the constitution of the United States will be incomplete. No matter how many other knicks are put in it to fit colonial deformities, it will be unjust to the masses at home.

COST OF CONSUMPTION.

Tuberculosis causes annually more than 150,000 deaths in the United States at the average of 35 years. At this age the normal after lifetime is about 32 years, so that the real loss of life covered, measured in time, is represented by 4,800,000 years per annum. If we assume that the net value of a year of human life after the age of 35 years is at least \$50, the real loss to the nation resulting from the disease (a large proportion of which is known to be needless) may be estimated at \$240,000,000 per annum.

These astounding and almost incomprehensible figures are far from being an exaggeration, but let us assume that only one-half of this mortality is preventable, and we have a net possible saving to the nation of \$120,000,000 per annum. This estimate does not take into account the social, moral and sentimental value of at least 100,000 lives, which, under different conditions, might reasonably hope to continue for many years. The mortality from tuberculosis is, therefore, a problem compared with all other social problems of a medical character sink into insignificance, and it is safe to say that the possible prevention of a large portion of the mortality from this disease is justly deserving of the solicitude, the active personal interest and liberal pecuniary support of all who have the real welfare of the people of this nation at heart.

Higgs estimates that New York city sustains an annual economic loss of \$23,000,000, and that the nation at large must sustain an annual loss of \$330,000,000 because of tuberculosis. There are nearly 10,000 deaths from consumption in New York city. Seven thousand persons died in Illinois in 1903, half of them between the ages of 20 and 50 years, while the estimated loss to the state alone, because of this disease, was \$35,000,000, and the medical authorities of that state have found that consumption is responsible for more deaths than typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, all forms of bronchitis, influenza, measles and smallpox combined.—Medical Journal.

AMONG THE SAINTS.

An old church in Belgium decided to repair its properties and employed an artist to touch up a large painting. Upon presenting his bill, the committee in charge refused payment unless the details were specified, whereupon he presented the items as follows:

To correcting the Ten Commandments, \$5.12; embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet, \$3.02; putting new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb, \$5.20; replumbing and gilding left wing of Guardian Angel, \$5.13; washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his cheeks, \$5.02; renewing heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning the moon, \$7.14; touching up purgatory and restoring lost souls, \$3.06; brightening up the flames of hell, putting new tail on the devil, mending his left hoof and doing several odd jobs for the damned, \$7.17; reordering the robes of Herod and adjusting his wig, \$4; taking the spots off the son of Tobias, \$10.30; cleaning Balaam's donkey and putting one shoe on him, \$5.70; putting earrings in Sarah's

ears, \$5.26; putting a new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliath, and extending Saul's legs, \$6.12; decorating Noah's ark and putting a head on Shem, \$4.31; mending the shirt of the prodigal son and cleaning his left ear, \$3.39. Total, \$80.00.—Anonymous.

OF THE SOULS IN SIEGE.

"I now bid you good-bye for ever. Port Arthur will be my grave."—Gen. Stoessel.

I have dreamed an ill dream of a leagued fort;
 The toying Fate hath made her sport;
 For they hope against hope in that compassed town.
 With the rain of fire still rattling down,
 They have Flame and Sword at the outer gate,
 And Hunger they have for a bosom mate!

There is Death without, there is Death within.
 For that handful brave of our human kin;
 And the words of a scripture, stark and dread,
 Once more of the Souls in Siege are said:
 For at morn they say, Would God it were night;
 And at eve, Would God it were morning light—
 For the fear of their hearts, where-with they fear,
 And the sight of their eyes, as the Terror draws near!

I have dreamed an ill dream—and this is the worst—
 I dream we are wanted to War, the Accursed!
 That we praise ourselves—that we laud the Age,
 While the Red Hand writes on the new turned page.
 Little we heed that, day by day,
 Those doomed Defenders hold Death at bay!
 And we do not weep, and we do not rave
 When, out of the pit of that closing grave,
 A strong man takes of the World adieu!

I have dreamed an ill dream—but the dream is true.
 That the world endures (a world, else free),
 That these Souls in the Siege of Death shall be!
 —Edith M. Thomas in New York Sun.

Arthur Summers and Grover Nies, two young men at Creswell, near Eugene, quarreled over politics election day. Nies stabbed Summers, inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound.

A skiff overturned in Johnstone Strait, Puget Sound, November 10, drowning two loggers.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

A mother's love is so divine that the roughest man cannot help but appreciate it as the crown of womanhood. However, Motherhood is looked forward to with feelings of great dread by almost all women. At such times a woman is nervous, dyspeptic, irritable, and she is in need of a uterine tonic and nerve, a strength builder to fit her for the ordeal. No matter how healthy or strong a woman may be she cannot help but be benefited by taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to prepare for the event.

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THE SON OF EX- U. S. MINISTER TO ENGLAND

Commends Pe-ru-na to All Catarrh Sufferers.



Hon. Louis E. Johnson is the son of the late Reverdy Johnson who was United States Senator from Maryland, also Attorney General under President Johnson, and United States Minister to England, and who was regarded as the greatest constitutional lawyer that ever lived.

In a recent letter from 1000 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Mr. Johnson says: "No one should longer suffer from catarrh when Peruna is accessible. To my knowledge it has caused relief to so many of my friends and acquaintances, that it is humanity to commend its use to all persons suffering with this distressing disorder of the human system."—Louis E. Johnson.

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